Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA.—Sir, I have been authorised to put the Question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.

Benefits of Pension, etc., to Sweepers and Scavangers.

*Q.—101. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi) [on behalf of Sri R. N. Lakshmi Pathi (Gauribidanur)].—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether sweepers and scavangers working in Municipalities and Village Panchayats in the State or getting all the benefits of pension, etc., as in the case of Government Servants ;

(*b*) if not, the steps Government propose to take to extend these benefits to the said menials ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Development, Panchayat Raj and Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) Yes, in some Municipalities only.

(*b*) The question is under consideration in respect of Municipalities.

Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA.—May I know how many Municipalities have given this benefit to Sweepers and Scavangers ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—The following Municipalities have given the benefits of pension to Sweepers and Scavangers :

1 Municipalities in Gulbarga Division,
2 Belgaum City Municipal Council,
3 Vijayapura Municipality,
4 Bagalkot Municipality,
5 Karwar Municipality,
6 Kumta Municipality,
7 Honnavar Municipality,
8 Hubli and Dharwar Corporation.

The menials working in other Municipalities are not getting these benefits.

Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA.—Are there any recruitment rules to these Scavangers and Sweepers ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Some divisions have proposed some rules. The menials who are working in Bangalore Division are entitled to gratuity at the rate of half month's pay for each completed year of service subject to a maximum of 15 months pay. In Bangalore Corporation area, gratuity is paid on retirement at the rate of one month's pay. For extending these benefits to Mysore Division, draft rules are under scrutiny. The recruitment rules are under consideration.

Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA.—Is minimum wages Act applicable to these workers ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—In certain areas it is made applicable and they are acted upon.

Loans to Municipalities.

*Q.—454. Sri G. V. GOWDA (Palya).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the names of Municipalities in the State which have taken loan from Government for various purposes ;

(*b*) the principle and interest outstanding against each such Municipality for more than one year ;

(*c*) the steps the Government have taken for the recovery of the overdues ?

*A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Development, Panchayat Raj and Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) and (*b*) *Vide* Statement placed on the Table of the House **

(*c*) Powers under Section 287 (4) and (5) of Mysore Municipalities Act have been delegated to the Divisional Commissioner to ensure that the budget provision is made by the Municipalities for the repayment of the Government dues and under Section 314 of the Mysore Municipalities Act to issue a retrenchment slip to the Custodians of the Municipal Funds to credit the amount standing in the name of Municipality to Government.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—I wish to know in how many cases the Divisional Commissioners have taken steps under section 287 (4) to recover these amounts ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—All the officers concerned have been instructed to take action for the recovery of interest and principal which are due.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—May I know since how many years the interest as well as the instalment amounts due have become over-due ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It all depends upon each case ; it is a matter of details. I have placed the entire statistics on the Table of the House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಗುರ್ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಲವನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಅವುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅದನ್ನು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಇದೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೋಡದೆ ಸಾಲ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ನಿಜ. They are overdue on account of various difficulties in the administration. After the loans are sanctioned and implemented, these difficulties have come up and therefore they are over-due.

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